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PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

Sir:

Prior to examination of this patent application, kindly enter the below-indicated new claims, the amendments to the claims and specification as indicated, and kindly consider the following remarks and request for reconsideration.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly enter the indicated amendments to claims 1-11 as follows:

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1. (once amended) Anti-neoplastic and/or antileukemic effective compound selected from the formula A and B: